

In the Claims:

The claims are as follows:

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) A method for providing navigational instructions, said method comprising:

a service centre receiving a signal from a first device, said signal specifying a destination location, a second device, and a request for at least one route leading to the destination location such that the at least one route is to be sent to the second device;

said service centre determining a device type of the second device during or after said receiving the signal from the first device; and

said service centre sending at least one set of images to the second device, wherein each set of images of the at least one set of images defines a unique route leading to the destination location, and wherein a total number of the at least one set of images and a content of each set of the at least one set of images are a function of the determined device type.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the first and second devices are a same device.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the first and second devices are different devices.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the service centre comprises a database, wherein the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein the method further comprises:

 said service centre receiving a vote on a usefulness of each received image in the at least one set of images; and

 said service centre modifying the database in dependence upon said received votes, wherein said modifying comprises at least one of replacing, deleting, and amending at least one image in the at least one set of images in the database.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the signal does not comprise a starting location from which each route to the destination location is to originate from.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein each set of images comprises a furthest image that is furthest from the destination location, and wherein the furthest images of the plurality of sets of images collectively form on a ring of images surrounding the destination location.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the ring of images is shaped as a circle whose center is at the destination location.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said sending comprises sending the at least one set of images to the second device as a time-ordered sequence of subsets of the images in the at least one set of images, and wherein each subset is sent to the second device in response to a prompt from the first device.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said sending comprises sending the at least one set of images to the second device as a time-ordered sequence of subsets of the images of the at least one set of images, and wherein each subset is automatically sent to the second device.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the service centre comprises a database, wherein the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein each image in the at least one set of images is keyed in the database by the destination location for each route of the routes defined by the at least one set of images.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the service centre comprises a database, wherein the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein the method further comprises:

recording in the database that each set of images of the at least one set of images defines a unique route leading to the destination location, wherein said recording in the database is performed prior to said receiving the signal from the first device.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the service centre comprises a database, wherein the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein the method further comprises;

providing relative indicators showing a positional relationship of each image in the at least one set of images relative to another image in the at least one set of images, wherein said providing relative indicators is performed prior to said receiving the signal from the first device.

37. (Previously presented) A computer program product stored on a computer readable storage medium, comprising computer readable program code for performing a method for providing navigational instructions, said method comprising:

a service centre receiving a signal from a first device, said signal specifying a destination location, a second device, and a request for at least one route leading to the destination location such that the at least one route is to be sent to the second device;

said service centre determining a device type of the second device during or after said receiving the signal from the first device; and

said service centre sending at least one set of images to the second device, wherein each set of images of the at least one set of images defines a unique route leading to the destination

location, and wherein a total number of the at least one set of images and a content of each set of the at least one set of images are a function of the determined device type.

38. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the first and second devices are a same device.

39. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the first and second devices are different devices.

40. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

41. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the service centre comprises a database, wherein the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein the method further comprises:

 said service centre receiving a vote on a usefulness of each received image in the at least one set of images; and

 said service centre modifying the database in dependence upon said received votes, wherein said modifying comprises at least one of replacing, deleting, and amending at least one image in the at least one set of images in the database.

42. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the signal does not comprise a starting location from which each route to the destination location is to originate from.

43. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 42, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

44. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 43, wherein each set of images comprises a furthest image that is furthest from the destination location, and wherein the furthest images of the plurality of sets of images collectively form on a ring of images surrounding the destination location.

45. (Previously presented) A system comprising a service centre, said service centre comprising a database for storing images of locations and a computer program product for performing a method for providing navigational instructions using images in the database, said method comprising

 said service centre receiving a signal from a first device, said signal specifying a destination location, a second device, and a request for at least one route leading to the destination location such that the at least one route is to be sent to the second device;

 said service centre determining a device type of the second device during or after said receiving the signal from the first device; and

 said service centre sending at least one set of images to the second device, wherein each set of images of the at least one set of images defines a unique route leading to the destination location, and wherein a total number of the at least one set of images and a content of each set of the at least one set of images are a function of the determined device type.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the first and second devices are a same device.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the first and second devices are different devices.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, where the database comprises the at least one set of images, and wherein the method further comprises:

 said service centre receiving a vote on a usefulness of each received image in the at least one set of images; and

 said service centre modifying the database in dependence upon said received votes, wherein said modifying comprises at least one of replacing, deleting, and amending at least one image in the at least one set of images in the database.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the signal does not comprise a starting location from which each route to the destination location is to originate from.

51. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50, wherein the at least one set of images comprises a plurality of sets of images.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 51, wherein each set of images comprises a furthest image that is furthest from the destination location, and wherein the furthest images of the plurality of sets of images collectively form on a ring of images surrounding the destination location.